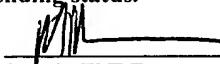


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 32355.12.12.1.1
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107562781
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/020458	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 June 2004 (25.06.2004)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 27 June 2003 (27.06.2003)
TITLE OF INVENTION: MENISCUS PRESERVING IMPLANT METHOD AND APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Jeffrey C. FELT, David GRIFFIN, Mark A. RYDELL, and Paul J. BUSCEMI		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (unsigned) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Return Receipt Postcard</u> <hr/> <p>Express Mail Certificate Express Mail Label No.: <u>EV 563872379 US</u> Date of Deposit: <u>27 December 2005</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450.</p> <p>Name of Person Making Deposit: <u>Deborah L. Maday</u> Signature: <u>Deborah L. Maday</u></p>		

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The following fees are submitted:		Applicant use	Office use only
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))\$300.00			
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$0 All other situations \$200.00			
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TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = \$1000.00		\$1000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.			
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$130.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total claims	23 - 20 =	-3-	x \$ 50.00 \$150.00
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	-0-	x \$ 200.00 \$ -0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00 \$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$1280.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$ 640.00	
		SUBTOTAL =	\$ 640.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). +		\$	
		TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$ 640.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +		\$	
		TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$ 640.00
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<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p>		
<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Customer No. 022859 FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A. 200 South Sixth Street Suite 4000 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-1425 US</p> <p> SIGNATURE</p> <p><u>Matthew J.S. Graham</u> NAME</p> <p><u>54,647</u> REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>		

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